

South-Western City Schools
Minutes – Organizational Meeting
January 8, 2024

Prior to the Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024, Mrs. Denise D’Angelo Steele, Ms. Julie Liskany and Mrs. Camille Peterson were sworn in as Board of Education members.

Mrs. Camille Peterson was sworn in by Judge Jarrod Skinner, Franklin County Municipal Court

Ms. Liskany was sworn in by Mr. Hugh Garside, Treasurer, South-Western City School District

Mrs. D’Angelo Steele was sworn in by Ms. Julie Liskany, Board Member, South-Western City School District

The Organizational meeting was then called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Denise D’Angelo Steele
Julie Liskany
Kelli Martindale
Camille Peterson
Chris Boso

Mr. Boso acted as temporary Board President.

BUDGET HEARING

On December 4, 2023 a public notice was hereby given in the Columbus Dispatch that two copies of the proposed budget and estimate of cost of operation of the South-Western City School District of the County of Franklin, State of Ohio, including the cost of operating the public schools of said district for fiscal year 2024-25 were on file in the office of the undersigned Treasurer of the Board of Education, and open to inspection of the public pursuant to the requirement of law. Any member of the audience who wishes to comment on this issue will be recognized.

There were no audience members who wished to comment.

24-01 **Ms. Martindale moved** that the Board of Education approve the agenda for the January 8, 2024 Organizational Meeting as presented.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. Peterson Aye; Mrs. D’Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ohio Revised Code 3313.14 requires that each Board of Education shall at the organizational meeting elect one of its members as President and another as Vice President, both of whom shall serve a one-year term.

Mr. Boso requested nominations for Board President.

Ms. Martindale nominated Mr. Boso for Board President.

24-02 **Mr. Boso moved** that nominations be closed.

Ms. Liskany seconded the motion.

Roll Call that Mr. Boso be appointed Board President for the 2024 calendar year:

Mr. Boso, Aye; Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mrs. D’Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. Peterson, Aye.

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Motion Carried

Mr. Boso elected Board President and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Boso nominated Ms. Martindale for Board Vice-President.

24-03 **Mrs. D’Angelo Steele moved** that the nominations be closed.

Ms. Liskany seconded the motion.

Roll Call that Ms. Martindale be appointed Board Vice-President for the 2024 calendar year:

Mrs. D’Angelo Steele, Aye;	Ms. Liskany, Aye;	Ms. Martindale, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye;	Mr. Boso, Aye.	

Motion Carried

Ms. Martindale elected Board Vice-President.

24-04 **Ms. Martindale moved** that the Board of Education adopt a calendar of meeting dates for Calendar Year 2024. Ohio Revised Code 3313.14 requires that at the time of the organizational meeting, the Board of Education shall fix the time for holding its regular meetings. It is recommended that the regular meetings be held at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated and that the Board of Education approves the calendar of meetings dates as presented. (See ORG X-1)

[ORG X-1.pdf \(94 KB\)](#)

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye;	Mrs. Peterson, Aye;	Mrs. D’Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye;	Mr. Boso, Aye.	

Motion Carried

24-05 **Mrs. Peterson moved** that the Board of Education approve the Fiscal & Operational Management items as presented.

1. Board Service Fund

It is recommended that the Board of Education establish a Board Service Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Ohio Revised Code 3315.15 provides for setting aside from the General Fund, a sum not to exceed two dollars for each child enrolled (20,874 X \$2.00 = \$41,748) or an amount established by the Board of Education. This money is to be used for paying expenses of members of the Board actually incurred in the performance of their duties or of their official representatives.

It is recommended that the amount for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, be set at \$35,000.

2. Authorization for Fiscal Procedures

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize administration to carry out specific fiscal procedures for Calendar Year 2024.

A. Purchase necessary services and materials and make payment of bills and salaries when due within appropriated amounts, and authorize the Business Manager to act as purchasing agent in accordance with Board Policy 6320.

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- B. Invest funds when practical in certificates of deposit, US government securities and treasuries, repurchase agreements, and others as authorized by Board Policy 6144 and the Ohio Revised Code.
- C. Request advances when necessary from the County Auditor/Treasurer.
- D. Sign payroll checks, accounting checks and contracts with electronic signature.
- E. Transfers and/or advances from the General Fund to other funds as necessary to meet obligations pending receipt of State and/or Federal Funds.
- F. Approve disposal of property having value of less than \$10,000 as stated in Board Policy 7310. Provide purchasing authorization as specified and required to the District administration within the scope of the annual appropriation resolution and any subsequent amendments to said resolution according to Board Policy 6320.
- G. Approve the Tax Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 as presented at the Budget Hearing.
(See ORG X-2)

[ORG X-2.pdf \(185 KB\)](#)

3. Resolution to Participate in State and Federally Funded Programs for Fiscal Year 2024-25

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the administration to apply for and accept State and Federally Funded grants and entitlements for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the administration to apply for and accept State and Federally Funded grants and entitlements for Fiscal Year 2024-25 School Year as listed below:

- 1. National School Lunch Program (Fund 006)
- 2. Auxiliary Services (Fund 401)
- 3. Public School Preschool (Fund 439)
- 4. Data Communication (Fund 451)
- 5. Miscellaneous State Grants (Fund 499)
- 6. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (Fund 507)
- 7. IDEA-B (Fund 516)
- 8. Carl Perkins Vocational Education (Fund 524)
- 9. Head Start (Fund 525)
- 10. Title I School Improvement (Fund 536)
- 11. Title III Limited English Proficiency (Fund 551)
- 12. Title I (Fund 572)
- 13. Title IV (Fund 584)
- 14. IDEA Preschool Handicapped (Fund 587)
- 15. Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality (Fund 590)
- 16. Miscellaneous Federal Grants (Fund 599)

Additionally, the Board of Education authorizes the administration to apply for any additional grant or entitlement not specifically listed, if said grant or entitlement is in alignment with the District Continuous Improvement Plan.

4. Renew Membership in the Ohio School Boards Association

It is recommended that the Board of Education renew its annual membership with the Ohio School Boards Association for calendar year 2024, including subscriptions to the School Management News and Virtual Transportation Supervisor, in the amount of \$9,971.

5. Resolution to Participate in the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund

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It is recommended that the Board of Education pass the resolution as presented to join the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Legal Assistance Fund.

OSBA Legal Assistance Fund

Whereas, the South-Western City School District Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions and,

Whereas, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose.

Therefore be it resolved that, the Board of Education hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2024 and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the Legal Assistance Fund two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

6. Renew Membership in the Ohio Education Policy Institute

It is recommended that the Board of Education renew its membership in the Ohio Education Policy Institute for calendar year 2024 at an annual cost of \$1,500.

7. Designate the Treasurer as the Board's Public Record Designee

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the Treasurer as Public Records Designee for the Board of Education per 109.43 ORC. As Public Records Designee, the Treasurer shall attend public records training annually on behalf of the Board of Education.

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

24-06 Ms. Martindale moved that the organizational meeting of the Board of Education be adjourned.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

Organizational meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Chris Boso
President

Hugh W. Garside, Jr.
Treasurer